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none of the sensationalism which has marred some of the "True" series no one need be told that General Wilson has given the story in a very interesting way. He has treated Grant's career as politician and president with the same care as he has studied his military career. The personality of the great Union leader is brought out in a way not usual in military biographies. The book is a distinct addition to American biography.

ESSAYS POLITICAL AND HISTORICAL. BY CHARLEMAGNE TOWER. Author of "The Marquis De LaFayette in the American Revolution;" Former Minister of the United States to Austria-Hungary, Ambassador to Russia and Germany. Philadelphia and London. J. B. Lippincott Company. 1914; pp. 306.

There have been but few Americans in public life who have had the opportunity of feeling the pulse of European sentiment as has Charlemagne Tower, the distinguished ex-member of our diplomatic service. In this volume with the exception of two essays concerning interesting features of the American Revolution the author treats the subjects dealing with the United States as a world power, with our country in relation to the other nations of the world. The European attitude towards the Monroe Doctrine, the Treaty Obligations of the United States Relating to the Panama Canal, The Relations of the United States to Arbitration for the Settlement of International Disputes, these and others of similar significance are matters concerning which all Americans intelligently interested in affairs political will be anxious to consider as treated by an experienced international statesman. There could be no more opportune time for the publication of this volume.

The political essays are especially interesting in that they treat of subjects concerning which there is much talk but precious little specific knowledge, and in that they deal of matters that may well be of vital import to us in the near future, but the historical essays while not on such vital matters possess a real interest in that they delve in questions concerning which there is much discussion among both American and English historians: the civil and military actions of Lord Cornwallis and General Howe during the Revolution. It is one of the most fascinating questions for us to settle with regard to our War for Independence.

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LOWER NORFOLK COUNTY AND NORFOLK COUNTY WILLS, 1637-1710. By Charles Fleming McIntosh, of Norfolk, Va. Published by the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Virginia [Richmond], 1914. For sale by the Bell Book & Stationery Co., Richmond, Va., pp. 223, with full index.

With the exception of the valuable *Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, Antiquary*, which contains only extracts of various dates, the remarkable collection of county records now in the clerk's office at Portsmouth, Va., has been little accessible to persons outside of Norfolk. With the exception of the Northampton County records at Eastville this is the oldest